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# **2020 Pierce's Disease Webinar**

## **July 6, 2020**

### **9:30 – 11:30 am**

**Presenters:**

Sara Villani, Plant Pathologist, NC State University

Hannah Burrack, Entomologist, NC State University

Mark Hoffmann, Viticulture Specialist, NC State University

**Co-Host:**

Emma Volk, Research Technician, NC State University



**Agenda:**

**Block one (9:30-10:15):**

Identification & Symptoms and Testing Procedures – *Dr. Sara Villani, NC State University*  
*With Q+A*

**Block two (10:15-11):**

Vectors & Insecticides - *Dr. Hannah Burrack, NC State University*  
*With Q+A*

**Block three (11-11:30):**

Cultivars & Management Practices – *Dr. Mark Hoffmann, NC State University*  
*With Q+A*

## **Rules:**

### **1.) Q+A:**

- Please write your questions into the Chat-box to 'Everyone'.
- Some presenters also address questions directly during the presentation
- *We try to address all questions after a presentation*
- Emma Volk will monitor questions and will make sure that we won't miss any.

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- Emma Volk will record all information

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# **Pierce's Disease: Management and Cultivars**



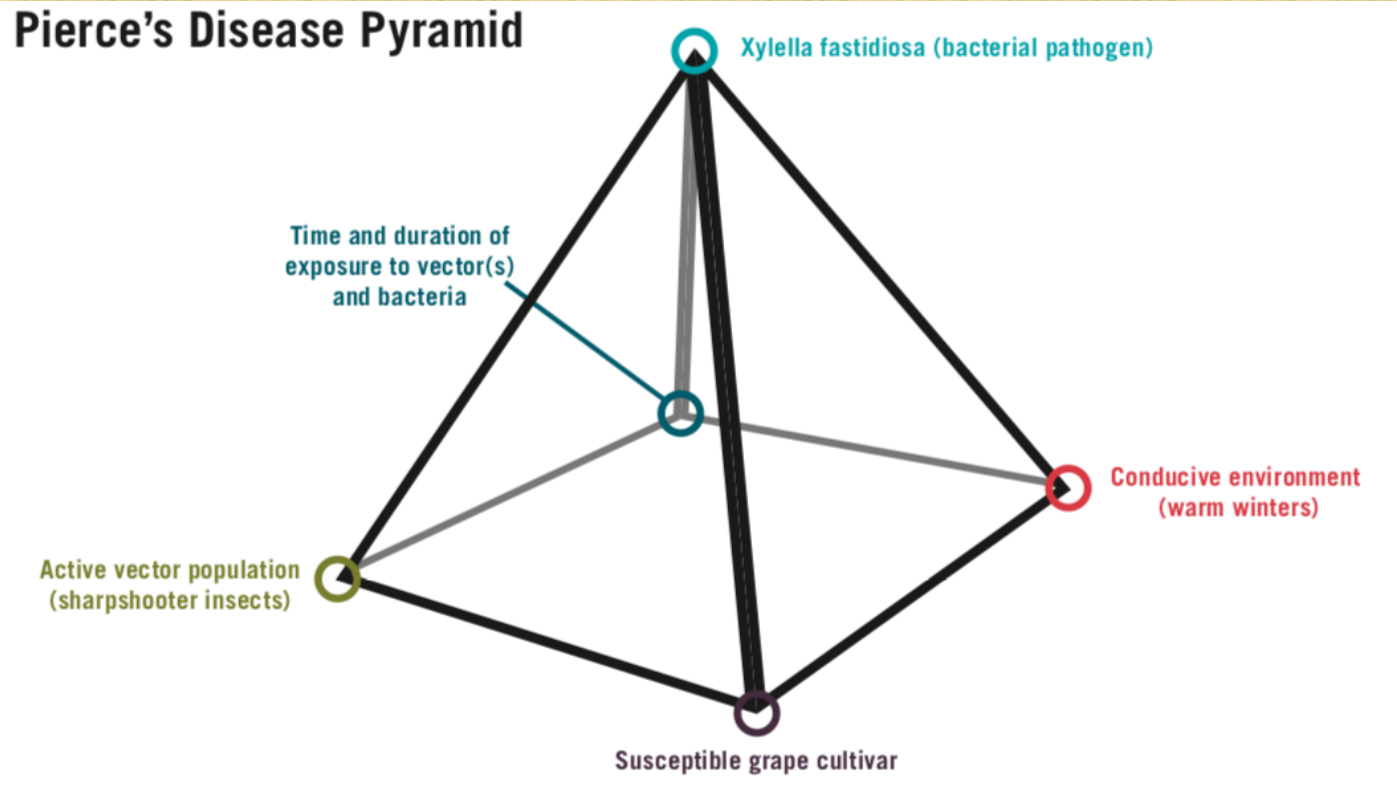
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# Overview

- What are the factors impacting PD?
- Cultivars?
- Management?
- Identification and vine removal



# Factors impacting the development of Pierce's Disease

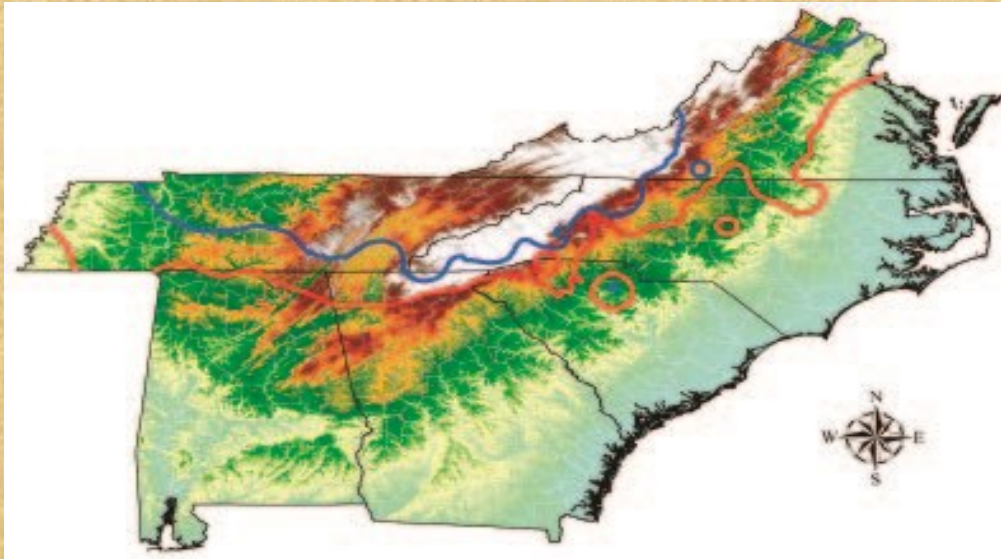


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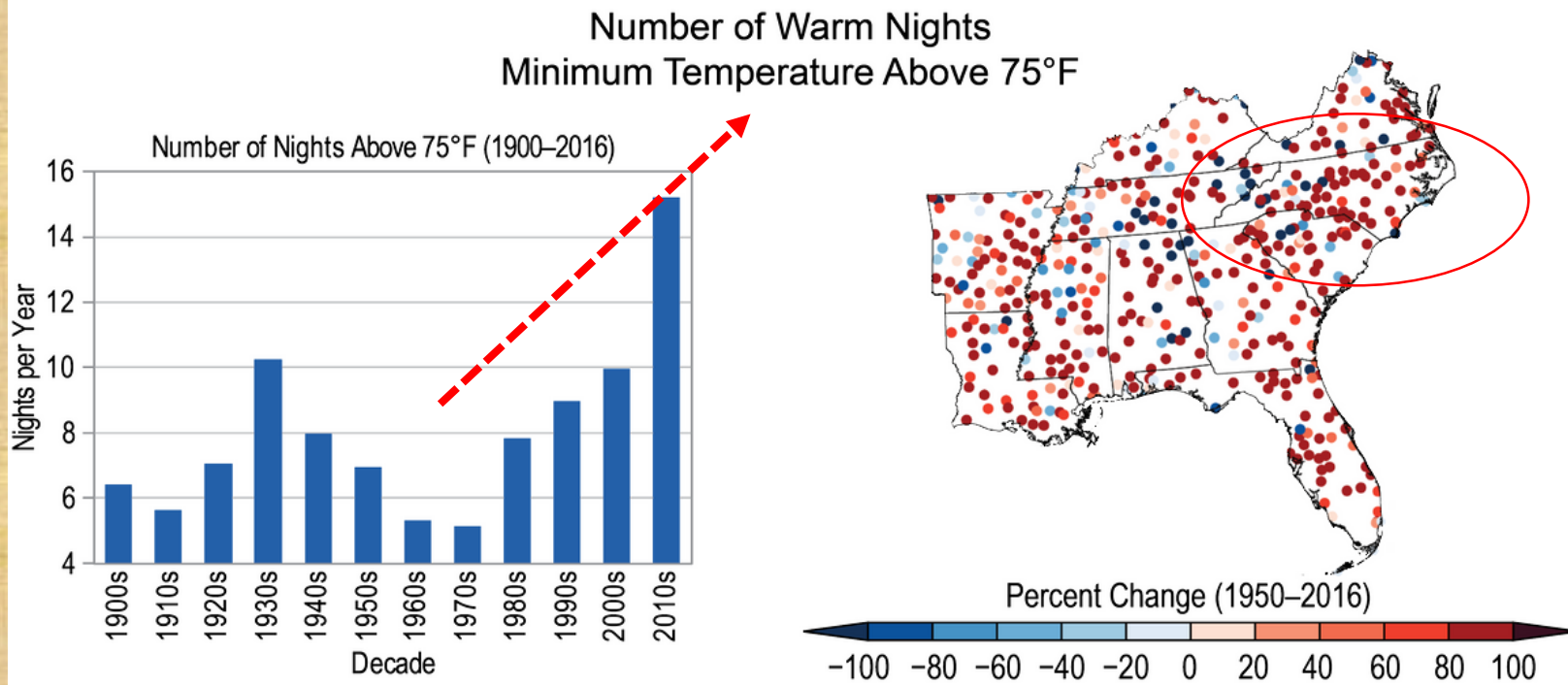


# Factors impacting the development of Pierce's Disease



- Pierce's Disease is present in most AVAs in North Carolina
- First positive samples were found in a vineyard in Hendersonville in 2019
- Warmer winters lead to higher bacterial survival rates

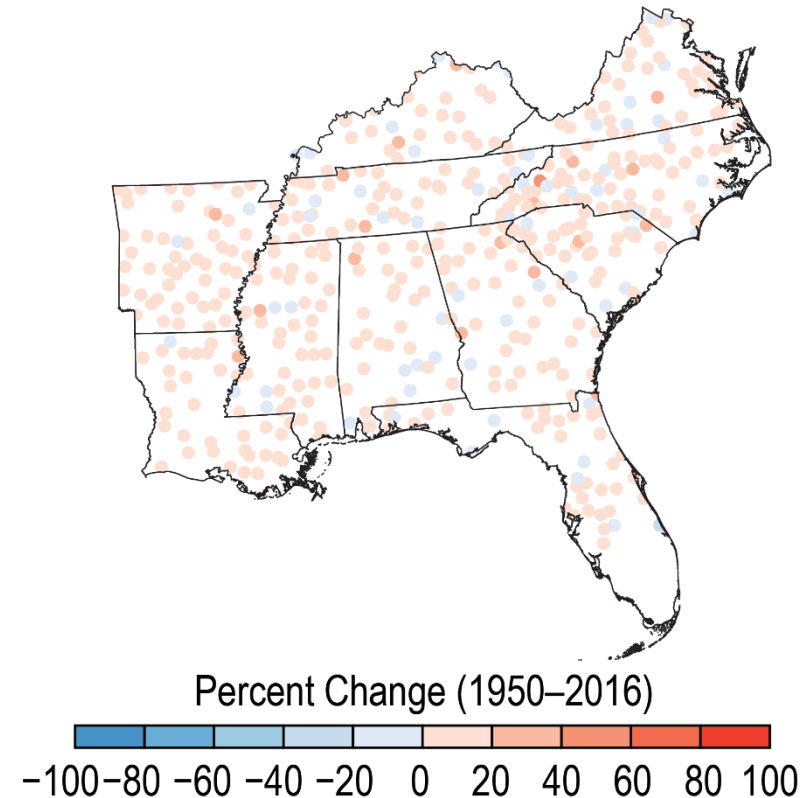
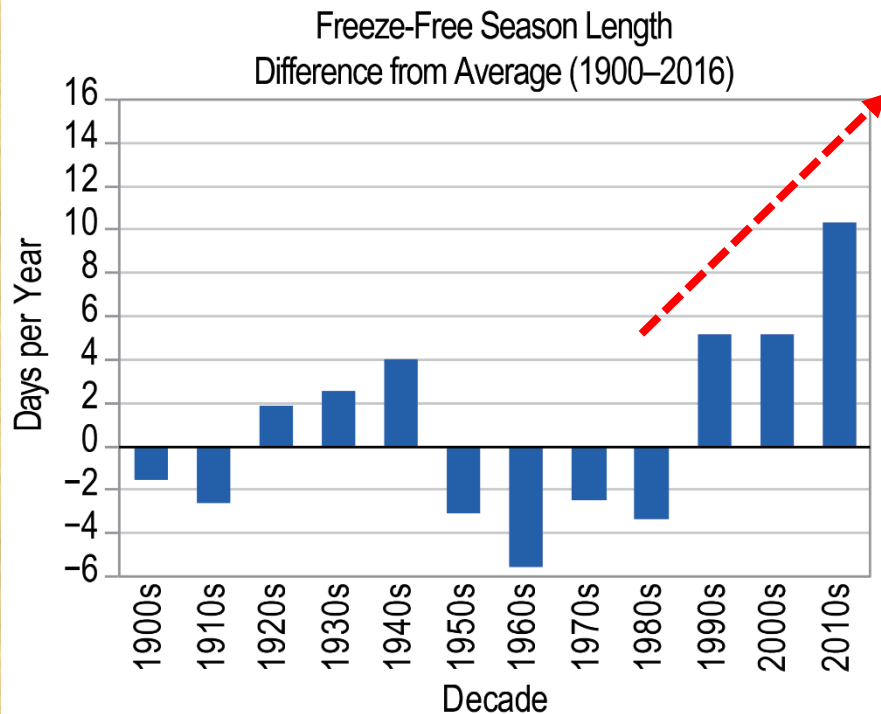
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Source: US-GCRP 2018

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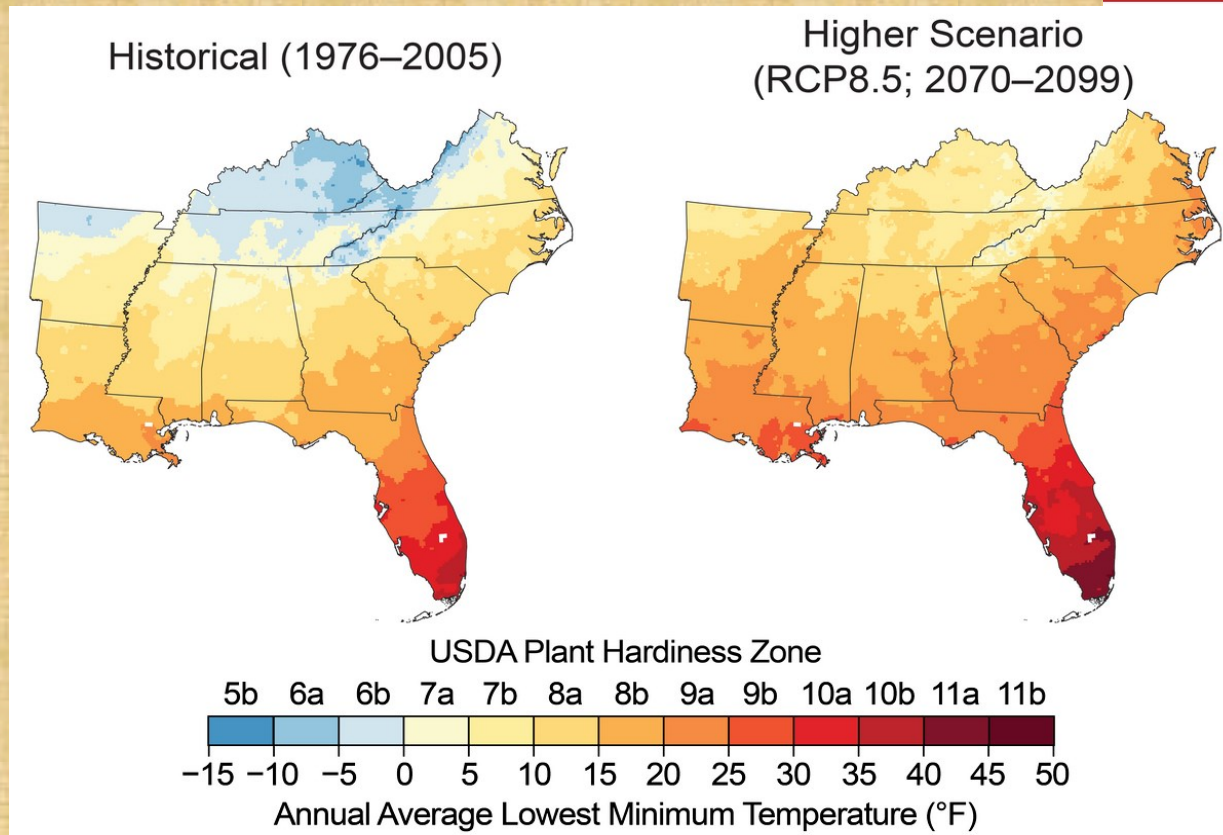


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- More freeze free days in North Carolina are projected
- Freeze is NOT Frost!



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- Shift of plant hardy-zones in North Carolina and the rest of the Southeast.
- Most of NC could be shifting to 9a, a zone currently in S-GA and N-FL



# Cultivar Choice

Cultivar Choice is *ALSO* a long-term PD management tool

Several Challenges for the Future:

- **Pierce's Disease resistant or tolerant;**
- Heat and Disease tolerant;
- Ability to ripe in a climate with less cool nights;



# Cultivar Choice

Usually:

- Common cultivars in NC: Chardonnay, Merlot, Cab franc: Susceptible
- Cab Sauv, Chambourcin, Petit Verdot: less susceptible, but we see PD in NC on those too.
- So what's about the 'tolerant' or 'resistant' cultivars?

Cultivar Choice in NC: VERY complex decisions!  
Customer, Wine-Style, Environment, Pierces' Disease



# PD Resistant Cultivars



‘Lenoir’ or ‘**Black Spanish**’: Large producer in South Texas; High Tannins, high acidity; Comes own-rooted; Heritage: *Vitis berlanderi* x *V. vinifera*



‘Lomanto’: Small commercial acreage in South Texas; Heritage: *Hybrid Salado* x *V. vinifera* ‘Malaga’

# PD Resistant Cultivars



‘Cynthiana’ or ‘**Norton**’. Larger acreage in GA, W-NC and VA. Own-rooted; Heritage: *Vitis aestivalis*



**Muscadines** (‘Noble’ (red); ‘Carlos’, ‘Doreen’, ‘Magnolia’)  
Heritage: *Vitis rotundifolia*



# PD Resistant Cultivars



‘Petite Sirah’ or ‘Durif’. Tight clusters, high tannin. Major producer in CA.



‘Victoria Red’. Fresh Market, not Wine making. Collaboration of AK and TX breeding programs. Heritage: *V. vinifera* x Hybrid



# PD Resistant Cultivars



**‘Camminare noir’**. Cultivar released by UC Davis in 2020; Large berries, loose clusters, early bud breaking; 50% Petite Sirah; 25 % Cab. Sauv.



**‘Paseante noir’**. Cultivar released by UC Davis in 2020; Medium sized berries, filled clusters, mid-season bloom, late ripening. 50% Zinfandel; 25 % Petite Sirah, 12.5 % Cab. Sauv.



# PD Resistant Cultivars



**‘Errante noir’**. Cultivar released by UC Davis in 2020; Highly resistant to Pierce's Disease. Large berries, loose clusters, very productive. Dark-red purple color, complex fruit aromas, high quality tannins.

*50% Sylvaner; 12.5% Cab. Sauv.,  
Caringnane and Chardonnay*

# PD Resistant Cultivars



**'Blanc du Bois'**: Large producer in South Texas and Florida. High producer. Loose Clusters  
Heritage: *Vitis vinifera* x *smalliana*, *simpsoni*, *labrusca*



**'Chardonel'**: Shows high tolerance! Commercial use in NC and GA; Late Ripening! Substitute for Chardonnay?  
Heritage: *Seyval* x *Chardonnay*



# PD Resistant Cultivars



**‘Ambulo blanc’**: Cultivar released by UC Davis in 2020; Highly resistant to Pierces Disease. Early Bloom; Highly productive; Heritage: 62.5% Cab. Sauv., 12.4 % Carignane; 12.5% Chardonnay



**‘Caminante blanc’**: Cultivar released by UC Davis in 2020; Highly resistant to Pierces Disease. Early Bloom; Highly productive; Heritage: 62.5% Cab. Sauv., 12.4 % Carignane; 12.5% Chardonnay

# Test of cultivars

- Always try only a few plants in your vineyard first!
- Don't plant large acreage!
- We don't know how cultivars perform in our climate yet.
- We will plant a cultivar trial in 2021 in collaboration with a commercial vineyard in the Yadkin Valley
- **UC Davis Cultivars are limited. Available at Wonderful, but you have to call! (661) 758-4777**



# Identification of PD





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Leaf necrosis  
with distinct  
red/brown  
margins



# Identification of PD



'Islands' of  
green tissue on  
lignified shoots



# Identification of PD



Leaf blade abscission  
'match sticks'



# Testing for PD

<https://projects.ncsu.edu/cals/plantpath/extension/clinic/>

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## Welcome!

The Plant Disease and Insect Clinic diagnoses plant problems for farmers, growers, landscapers, homeowners, and gardeners. In consultation with expert faculty, we recommend ways to treat or prevent the problems we diagnose.

We work in partnership with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, whose county offices can diagnose many common plant disease and insect problems. They can help you to properly collect and submit a sample to the PDIC, if necessary. Follow this link to find a North Carolina **County Extension Agent** or **Extension Master Gardener Volunteer** ☞ near you!

## News & Alerts !

**Navigate to "How to Submit a Sample" if you need our help.**

News about diseases and insects, information about current plant problems, and news about upcoming events:

### WINTER REMINDERS



Happy New Year from the PDIC! Outdoor pests and pathogens are dormant, like this cedar-apple rust gall, but you may still have samples to send. If so, remember to package them well, especially if outdoor temperatures are below freezing. This is particularly important for greenhouse crops which could be damaged by cold in

### Alerts, Updates and Information

- Plant Pathology Portal
- Entomology Portal
- Boxwood blight
- Thousand Cankers in Tennessee and Virginia ☞
- Emerald Ash Borer in North Carolina

Click the yellow "see more" link below for archived News and Alerts

### QUICK HELP

Disease Problems:  
919.515.3619

Insect Related:  
919.515.9530

General Questions:  
plantclinic@ces.ncsu.edu

**8am-5pm**

# Testing for PD

<https://projects.ncsu.edu/cals/plantpath/extension/clinic/>

**Contact local agent and/or specialist!!!!**  
**Submit photos AND physical sample**  
**There is a fee involved**

- We have a team working during COVID
- They perform highly sensitive tests
- They will contact all specialists in the state
- AND they will contact specialists out-of-state



# **Pierce's Disease Management**

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# Pierce's Disease Management

## Five Cornerstones of PD Management:

- *Scout!*
  - *Test!*
  - *Prune!*
  - *Vector Control!*
  - *Remove!*
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- Treat as if it would be infected.
  - **Intensive Scouting and testing!**
  - Mark and remove confirmed vines.
    - Don't wait for another year!

Non-bearing vineyards





# Pierce's Disease Management

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- *Scout!*
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- *Remove!*

Mature bearing vineyards

- **Frequent Scouting and testing!**
- **Vector control when confirmed cases**
  - Mark confirmed vines.
- Anecdotal knowledge on pruning
  - Remove vine latest in year 2!



# Pierce's Disease Management- Scouting and Testing

- Scout for PD symptoms on vines frequently!
- You can scout for insect vectors, but if you do so: **contact Hanna Burrack's team before making decisions to help with identification.**
- Early symptoms can show after bloom
- Severe symptoms show later in season
- But infection with vectors can occur early
- **Send samples to the PDIC for testing to confirm PD**
- **Mark the vines with flagging tape**





# Pierce's Disease Management- Scouting and Testing

## Scouting and Testing!

Every vineyard manager, no matter how much acreage, should have a systematic approach to scout and test for **Pierce's Disease, Trunk Disease, Viruses and Root Borer**

**The scouting system should have three components:**

- Field based marking system (flagging tape)
- Hard-copy records (paper)
- Computer based records (e.g. MS Excel)



# Pierce's Disease Management- Pruning or Removing?

*In young, non-bearing vineyards:*

- **Remove and replace, not worth the risk.**



*In mature vineyards:*

- First year infections: Cut infected shoots out immediately if possible! Although impracticable, CLEAN pruning tools with 10% bleach after each cut.
- Alternative: Prune wood out during dormant season
- **If symptoms come back next year: Remove and replace!**





# Pierce's Disease Management- Vector Control

## Control Host Plants: Weed Control

*Xylella fastidiosa has multiple host plants and multiple vectors!*

- Vineyard should be always mowed!
- Keep herbicide strips under the vines.
- *Keep surroundings mowed 50-100 feet, if possible*





# Pierce's Disease Management- Vector Control

## **Control Host Plants: Insect Control**

Soil applied systemic insecticides + foliar applications

*Common practice: early spring and mid summer applications*

*See Hannah Burracks' talk and see Southern IPM Production Guide.*

# Pierce's Disease Management-Resources

## Insect and Weed Control

[www.smallfruits.org](http://www.smallfruits.org)

The screenshot displays the website for the Southern Region small fruit consortium. The header includes the logo and a navigation bar with links: Home, SRSFC Activities, Crops, Regional Expert, IPM/Production Guides (circled in red), County Agent Training, and Weather. The main content area is titled 'IPM/Production Guides' and lists various guides categorized by fruit type. The 'Bunch Grapes' category and its associated guide are circled in red.

**the Southern Region**  
small fruit consortium

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### IPM/Production Guides

*Last updated Friday 5 January 2018 8:9 GMT*

**Blueberries**

- Southeast Regional Blueberry Integrated Management Guide
- Southeast Regional Blueberry Horticulture and Growth Regulator Guide
- Southeast Regional Organic Blueberry Pest Management Guide

**Bunch Grapes**

- Southeast Regional Bunch Grape Integrated Management Guide

**Caneberries**

- Southeast Regional Caneberries Integrated Management Guide
- Southeast Regional Caneberry Production Guide (PDF)
- Southeast Regional Caneberry Production Guide (Online Version)

**Muscadines**

- Southeast Regional Muscadine Grape Integrated Management Guide

**Strawberries**

- Southeast Regional Strawberry Integrated Pest Management Guide
- Southeast Regional Strawberry Plasticulture Production Guide
- Fungicide Selection for Botrytis and Anthracnose Fruit Rot Management 2017



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## 2018 Southeast Regional Bunch Grape Integrated Management Guide

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# Pierce's Disease Management-Resources

Other resources:

<https://secure.caes.uga.edu/extension/publications/files/pdf/B%2015141.PDF>

<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/r302101211.html>

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